

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2005-63-C - ORDER NO. 2006-646

NOVEMBER 2, 2006

IN RE: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. – Transit Traffic Tariff 2005-50) ORDER GRANTING) REQUEST OF SCTC FOR) WITHDRAWAL OF) PETITION TO) INTERVENE AND) GRANTING) SUSPENSION OF) TARIFF FILING
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the request of the South Carolina Telephone Coalition (“SCTC”) to withdraw its Petition to Intervene and to suspend tariff filing in the present proceeding regarding the Transit Traffic Tariff 2005-50 filing of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (“BellSouth”). On February 9, 2005, the SCTC filed a Petition to Intervene and a request to suspend tariff filing in the instant docket and was admitted as a party of record to the proceeding.

A hearing was held in this matter on August 22, 2005, and the Commission thereafter issued its ruling, Order No. 2006-199, “Order Dismissing Complaints”, on March 28, 2006. On April 10, 2006, the SCTC filed a Petition for Reconsideration of Order No. 2006-199, stating that although SCTC and BellSouth were able to reach an agreement in principle, the two parties had been unable to resolve the final details of a

settlement agreement. SCTC therefore asked that its original complaint be held in abeyance and not dismissed until such time as the parties reached a final agreement. BellSouth responded to this Petition. In Order No. 2006-272, we granted the relief sought in part. The SCTC Complaint and other materials were reopened and held in abeyance, so as to allow the parties time to finalize the Settlement Agreement. The Order also required the parties to report back to the Commission on the progress of the negotiations. The parties reported several times.

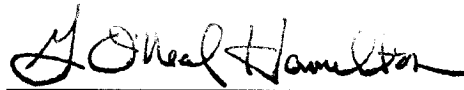
SCTC now informs us that the parties finalized terms and conditions and have executed agreements with respect to transit traffic. SCTC therefore requests that the Commission permit it to withdraw its Petition to Intervene and request to suspend tariff filing in this Docket, without prejudice to the arguments and positions set forth therein, and take the appropriate steps to close the Docket. BellSouth agrees with this request for relief. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. SCTC is permitted to withdraw its Petition to Intervene and request to suspend tariff filing in this Docket without prejudice to the arguments and positions set forth therein and the documents are hereby considered withdrawn.
2. The Docket is hereby closed.

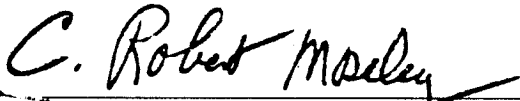
3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:



C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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